

## Young Leaders At Dance for Jean Fletcher

150 Attend Event Given by  
Her Parents at City Home;  
First Senior Hop of the  
Season Is Held at Plaza  
Roberson Wedding Is Set

William Roberson's Daughter  
Will Become Bride of  
Heyward Cutting Feb. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fletcher gave a dance last night at their home, 640 Park Avenue, for their daughter, Miss Jean Fletcher, who was formally introduced to society in September, 1919, when her parents gave a ball for her at the Willows, their country place at Glen Cove, Long Island. The guests numbered about 150. They included Miss Evelyn Loew, Miss Melissa Yulie, Miss Isabel Rockefeller, Miss Isabel Pell, Miss Laura Harding, Miss Margaret Kreeh, Miss Charlotte Byrne, Miss Molly Lincoln, Miss Mary Hurd, Miss Lucile Baldwin, Miss Constance Jen-

nings, Miss Helen Lee, Robert Strawbridge, Adolph Dick, Cornelius V. Holt, Henry C. Coe Jr., John Franklin, Anthony McKim, Reginald Coombe, Alan Harriman and Amory Haskell. There was dancing throughout the evening and supper was served soon after midnight.

The season's first senior dance, for the younger married set and young women, was given last night in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza. These dances, which are informal affairs, with a buffet supper served, were originally held at the Willows, but were discontinued during the war. They were resumed last winter.

Mrs. J. Horton Jams is directing them, and the subscribers include Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ballantine, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Brett Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. William V. C. Ruxton, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Wyeth, Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Farr Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ellis Fisher, Mrs. James S. Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Loomer, Mr. and Mrs. Danforth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Sanderson and Dr. and Mrs. Harold P. Parker.

The next dance will take place February 25 and the final one April 8.

Mrs. William K. Dick, Mrs. James A. Blair, Mrs. Henry Fletcher Goffrey, Mrs. William Payne Thompson, Mrs. Lydie Hoyt, Mrs. James A. Deering, Mrs. Charles C. Auchincloss gave dinners last night before the second dance by the bachelors in the Della Robbia room of the Hotel Vanderbilt.

Miss Constance Cleveland Roberson, daughter of William Roberson, of 125 East Fifty-seventh Street, will be married to Heyward Cutting, of 22 East Sixty-second Street, son of the Rev. Henri Mason Cutting, of New York, February 2 in Grace Church. The ceremony will be followed by a reception for relatives only at the home of Miss Roberson. The bride will be attended by Mrs. Bayard Dominick Jr., as matron of honor, and by Mrs. Margaret Cameron, Mrs. William Warner Hoppin, Mrs. Agnes Fowler and Miss Beatrice Eccles. Oliver Woolcott, of Boston, will serve as Mr. Cutting's best man, and the ushers will be C. Suydam Cutting, William C. Roberson Jr., Kermit Roosevelt, E. Macaulough Miller, John K. Hollis and Chase H. Davis, the latter of Cincinnati.

Miss Margaret E. Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliot Warren, of 114 East Thirty-sixth Street, will become the bride of Shannon Lord Meany this afternoon in St. Thomas's Church. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Another wedding to-day is that of Miss Edith Jaffray Farr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Farr, of 14 West Tenth Street, to William Montague Geer Jr., son of the Rev. Dr. William Montague Geer, vicar emeritus of St. Paul's Chapel. The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock in Grace Church.

Miss Margaret Stryker Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin, of 16 East Sixty-ninth Street, will become the bride of Henry Berg Jr. this evening in Christ Church, Short Hills.

The wedding of Miss Rena Victoria Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses W. Green, to James Fadden Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Hays, of Sewickley, Pa., takes place to-day in the Church of the Transfiguration. A reception will follow at the Hotel Biltmore.

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The marriage of Miss Emelia C. Ros, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador E. Ros, of 322 West Eighty-third Street, to Edward B. Towns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Towns, of 101 West Eighty-third Street, takes place at 4 o'clock to-day in the Church of the Holy Faith. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

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## Four Mentioned For Place of Bishop Burch

Drs. Thomas, Stires, Manning and Slattery Are  
Leading Candidates of the  
Diocese in New York

Elect Next Wednesday

Episcopal Delegates Are Expected to Name a Successor With Little Delay

With the date for the election of a new Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of New York only four days off, interest among the clergymen and laymen as to the choice to be made by the convention is running high.

Although there has been scarcely any public discussion of candidates since Bishop Burch's death several weeks ago and there is an obvious reluctance to make a political campaign of this important church event, there is reason to believe that when the diocesan delegates assemble in Synod Hall at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine next Wednesday there will be little delay in the nomination of candidates and a selection.

While there was some talk yesterday of the probability that Bishop Thomas, of Wyoming, would be placed in nomination along with the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning and the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Slattery—the leading candidates of the New York diocese—there was at the same time a tendency to discount the success of Bishop Thomas's possible nomination because of the precedent that would be established by selecting a member of the clergy who was only fraternally concerned with the affairs of the diocese.

Approve Silence of Candidates

As for Dr. Stires, Manning and Slattery, who, it is recalled, were the leading candidates next to Dr. Burch at the last election, they are refraining from any statement regarding their predicted candidacies. Their silence, even as concerns other possible candidates, such as for instance as Bishop Theobald, is generally approved by clerical and lay forces of the diocese.

A woman who occupied a high position in missionary work of the diocese said yesterday she did not think either Dr. Stires, Dr. Manning or Dr. Slattery was eager to assume the duties of bishop.

The duties of a bishop in the New York diocese, it was pointed out, are unbecomingly exacting, and in a sense, devoid of the interest that comes from the direct conduct of individual parishes.

Dr. Slattery in Lead

The Rev. Dr. George Clarke Houghton, rector of the Little Church Around the Corner, 1 East Twenty-ninth Street, has come out in advocacy of the candidacy of the Rev. Dr. Edmund S. Rousmaniere, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Boston.

A recent conference of clergymen at the rectory of the Rev. Clifford S. Gregg, Church of the Holy Faith, in East 160th Street, resulted in a straw vote in which Dr. Slattery led. Dr. Stires was second and Dr. Manning third. At another conference of clergy from Mount Vernon, Pelham, New Rochelle, Astoria and Yonkers, held in the Church of the Ascension, Mount Vernon, Dr. Slattery received 11 votes as against 3 for Bishop Thomas, of Wyoming, and 1 for Dr. Stires.

No official importance was attached to these straw ballots, it was said yesterday, except to crystallize interest in the candidacies.

Prize Egg Bargains Cause Mob Scenes at the Garden

Blue-Ribbon Variety Sell for 80 Cents a Dozen; May Irwin Gets First Choice

The rumor that blue-ribbon eggs were being sold at 80 cents a dozen at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show yesterday caused such a rush toward the place where the sale was being conducted that the carrier pigeon route was a ship it would have developed a pronounced list.

The eggs were the selected prize dozers and had been put on exhibition by the students in Professor E. Quisenberry's mail order school of poultry raising at Kansas City. May Irwin, who has conducted a poultry farm near New York, among other enterprises, since she quit the stage, was presented with the dozen that took second prize went to Tex Rickard, and the rest of them were sold to the crowd that swarmed about the booth and fairly hurled their money at the professor's representatives who were carrying off the sale.

In the pigeon department, it was learned yesterday, Rudolph Riegler, a fancier from Paterson, N. J., has been setting a new mark for model husband by sending daily messages to his wife by the carrier pigeon route.

Mr. Riegler says he doesn't have to worry about the business capacity of the next Postmaster General so long as lectures on poultry raising have proved so popular that the United States government experts have decided to extend their course through Sunday, when the lecture hall will be thrown open to the public, from 2:20 to 5:20 p. m.

Columbia County Dinner

At the annual dinner of the Columbia County Association in the City of New York at the Hotel McAlpin tonight, Guernsey Price, president of the association, will be toastmaster, and the speakers will be Alexander Black, Magistrate Louis Reynolds of Brooklyn, and Major Horace D. Newson, of the United States diplomatic service.

BOARD OF EDUCATION LECTURES

"Music in War Time and Peace," by Miss Margaret Anderson, at American Museum of Natural History, 200th Street and Central Park West.

"Herbert Hoover," by Mrs. J. Carter Troop, Ph. D., at Townsend Hall, 18th Street and Avenue C.

"Water Power and National Prosperity," by Miss Margaret Anderson, at American Museum of Natural History, 200th Street and Central Park West.

"The League of Nations," by Theodore Marbury, at Great Hall of Cooper Institute, Eighth Street and Fourth Avenue.

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## A. L. Sifton, Canadian Secretary of State, Dies

Was Peace Conference Delegate and Prominent in Dominion Politics for Many Years

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Arthur Lewis Sifton, Dominion Secretary of State since December 3, 1919, died here to-day. He was sixty-two years old.

Mr. Sifton had been prominent in the politics of western Canada for many years and active in Dominion affairs since October, 1917, when he was sworn into the federal privy council and became Minister of Customs in Sir Robert Borden's Conservative government. In 1918 he became Minister of Customs and Internal Revenue and in 1919 was chosen as a delegate to the peace conference. In September, 1919, he was appointed Minister of Public Works.

He was born in St. John's, Ontario, and was graduated from Wesley College, Windsor, Victoria University, and Alberta University. He went west in 1876 and held several offices in the government of the old Northwest Territory, serving as treasurer, 1908, commissioner of public works, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Premier of Alberta. He also held office as president of the council, provincial treasurer and minister of public works.

Charles F. Booher Dies,  
Missouri Congressman

Death Comes After Ill Health for More Than a Year; Term Expires Next March 4

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 21.—Charles F. Booher, Representative in Congress from the 4th District of Missouri, died to-day in his home in Savannah, Ga.

Representative Booher was seventy-four years old, and had been in failing health more than a year, during which he had been absent most of the time from his home in Congress. His election to Congress was as a Democrat at a special election in 1919 to fill out an unexpired term.

He was elected to Congress in 1904 and was re-elected in 1906 and 1908. He was not a candidate, having announced that he would retire at the end of his term, March 4, next. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—Governor Hyde announced he would not call a special session of the 4th District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Charles Booher.

ARTHUR MILLER

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Jan. 21.—Arthur Miller, fifty-one years old, died at his home, 135 Christopher Street, last night following an illness of thirty-six hours after a stroke of heart disease.

Mr. Miller was proprietor of the Miller-Cummings Company, fruit and produce dealers, at 330 Washington Street, New York City. He was a native of Westchester County, N. Y., and had lived in Montclair nine years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia T. Miller, and two sons, Robert and Arthur Tracy Miller, of Brawley, Calif.

FLAVIUS L. BROOKE

PORT HURON, Mich., Jan. 21.—Flavius L. Brooke, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, died to-day suddenly on an interurban car.

He was born in Norfolk County, Ontario, October 10, 1864, and was married in Chicago recently to George Gordon Moore, of St. Clair, Mich.

Dinner Tendered to Whitlock

GHENT, Jan. 21.—Grand Whitlock, American Ambassador in Belgium, was guest of honor at a banquet given by the authorities of this city and of East Flanders yesterday. Gold medals and illuminated certificates were given Mr. Whitlock, and the freedom of the city was conferred upon him. Toasts to the President Wilson were offered and, in response, the Grand Whitlock paid tribute to the generous feeling of the American people toward Belgium.

Going On To-day

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American Museum of Natural History; admission free.  
Metropolitan Museum of Art; admission free.  
Zoological Park; admission free.  
Quarantine Museum; admission free.  
Van Cortlandt Park; admission free.  
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Lecture by Dr. William Strat Myers on "Current History," Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Academy of Music, 10 o'clock.

Meeting of the National Industrial Tax Association, Hotel Astor, 9:30 o'clock.

Meeting of the New York State Association of Charities and Public Welfare, Hotel Biltmore, 8:30 o'clock.

Lecture by Dr. Maurice H. Harris on "The History of the Jewish People," Hotel Biltmore, 8:30 o'clock.

Meeting of the American Irish Historical Society, 35 West Thirty-ninth Street, 10 o'clock.

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## Benj. B. Lawrence, Mining Engineer and Clubman, Dies

Graduate of Columbia, He  
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Degree from University;  
His Funeral on Monday

Benjamin Bowden Lawrence, mining engineer and trustee of Columbia University, died last night at his home, 170 West Fifty-ninth Street, after a short illness.

Mr. Lawrence was born September 10, 1857, in Elmira, N. Y. In 1878 he received the degree of mining engineer at the Columbia University School of Mines and was awarded the honorary degree of master of science from the same university in 1909. For several years following his graduation Mr. Lawrence was interested in the Glipin County and Summit County mining districts in Colorado, and later opened a consulting office in Denver.

Mr. Lawrence came to New York City, became interested in copper lands in Cuba and the gold fields of eastern Oregon. He established an office in New York City, and was a director of the Washington Water Power Company, the Low Moore Company, the Utah Metal and Tunnel Company and the Cornucopia Mining Company of Oregon.

He was a member of the Union Club, the Columbia University Club, the University Club, the Garden City Golf Club, the Apartment Club, the West End Club, the Downtown Association. He was elected trustee of Columbia University several years ago and always maintained an active interest in undergraduate and alumni affairs.

Mr. Lawrence is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Jerome Lawrence, and a daughter. The funeral services will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University.

HARRY D. SOMERVILLE

Harry D. Somerville, sixty-four years old, of 932 East Second Street, who for thirty-three years had been a professor for the Sun, died suddenly yesterday in the locker room of the Sun Building.

Mr. Somerville was born in London. He was the son of Alexander Somerville, a social reformer. He went to work for the Sun as a proofreader in 1887, and later became a member of the Sun and New York Herald in the early part of 1920. Then he was transferred to The Evening Sun, which is now The Sun.

He was a member of the Sun Building, a past master of Orion Lodge No. 717, a Knight Templar and a Mystic Shrine.

EDMUND BRADON BARNUM

Edmund Bradon Barnum, a retired lawyer and well-known in the '80s and '90s as a campaign orator for the Democratic party, died Thursday at his home, 107 Prospect Place. He was seventy-seven years of age.

Mr. Barnum was born in Bethel, Conn. He was a graduate of Columbia Law School and a member of Devin Hall, 449 City Hall Park. He was married to his wife and one daughter. His funeral services will be to-day. They will be private.

ALBERT HOWE WHITMORE

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 21.—Albert Howe Whitmore, President of Whitmore & Co., of New York, manufacturers of dolls, died to-day at his home, 91 Harrison Street, of pneumonia.

He was born in Brooklyn fifty-five years ago and lived in that city until two years ago. He was President of the American Doll Manufacturers' Association and a member of the 23d Regiment, National Guard of Brooklyn.

Mr. Whitmore was a native of Brooklyn. The widow and a son survive.

JOHN BRANCATO

John Brancato, sixty-nine years old, father of Assistant United States Attorney Peter Brancato, died yesterday at his home, 7108 Fourteenth Avenue, Brooklyn. He was an old resident of the Bensonhurst section. He retired from business several years ago. Mr. Brancato is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agathe Brancato, and eight children. The funeral will take place Monday at the Church of St. Rosalie, Sixty-third Street and Fourteenth Avenue.

MRS. REED HALLIDAY

Special Dispatch to The Tribune  
PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Reed Halliday, of New York, widow of Reed Halliday, president of the Aniline dye Company, died to-day at the residence of her son, Mr. Reed Halliday, of New York. She was a member of the Merchants' Club, and a member of the 23d Regiment, National Guard of Brooklyn.

Mr. Reed Halliday was a native of Brooklyn. The widow and a son survive.

MARY WATSON WHITNEY

WATKINS, Mass., Jan. 21.—Mary Watson Whitney, astronomy professor emerita of Vassar College, died yesterday at her home here. Miss Whitney was a member of various scientific societies and had contributed many papers on astronomical subjects. She was director of observatories at Vassar from 1889 to 1910 when she retired.

Birth, Engagement, Marriage, Death and in Memoriam Notices may be telephoned to The Tribune any time up to midnight for insertion in the next day's paper. Telephone Nextman 3000.

BIRTHS

DOUGLASS—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Underhill Douglas (nee Mary K. Cutler), of 470 Park Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise Douglas, on Friday, January 21, 1927.

MARRIAGES

HARBURGER—MORGANSTERN—Married on Thursday, January 20, by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silberman, Rabbi of the Maccabean Temple, 100 West 11th Street, Harburger and Morganstern.

DEATHS

ALLEN—On Friday, January 21, at Portland, Ore., Mary Lester Harris, widow of George William Allen, died at the age of 72 years. Funeral services at the home of her son, Edward Warren Allen, 399 East 18th St., Brooklyn, on Friday, January 28, at 2 p. m.

BRHR—Edgewood, N. J., January 20, 1927. Gustavus Edward Jr., beloved husband of Emma J., aged 76 years. Funeral services at the home of his son, King St., Saturday, January 22, at 1:45 p. m. Interment private.